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THIRTY ONE IOWA TEACHERS EARN NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

(DES MOINES, IOWA) – December 5, 2005 – The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) reports that 31 Iowa teachers earned National Board Certification in 2005. That brings to 489 the total number of Iowa teachers who have earned the certification since it was begun in 1993.

National Board Certification is a credential demonstrating teaching expertise. A voluntary process established by the NBPTS, it is achieved through a rigorous performance-based assessment that takes nearly a year to complete. Through the assessment process, teachers document their subject matter knowledge, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students most effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning.

“This certification requires a great deal of time and dedication from teachers, and is another good indicator of the high quality of Iowa teachers,” said Judy Jeffrey, director of the Iowa Department of Education. “The benefit extends to the classroom and most important to the students, because we know that quality teaching is the most effective way to improve student learning.”

In Iowa, teacher candidates are eligible to receive state payment for half of the \$2,300 registration fee and, upon certification, a \$2,500 per year annual award for 10 years as well as reimbursement for the other half of the registration fee.

A complete list of 2005 recipients is below. For more information about the National Board Certification process, please visit <http://www.nbpts.org/nbct/index.cfm>

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Brown Wessling, Sarah	Johnston Comm School District
Condon, Sherri	Linn-Mar Comm School District
Crippen, Sarah	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Fritz, James	Decorah Comm School District
Fuglsang, Cornelia	Clinton Comm School District
Jantzi, Stacie	Davenport Comm School District
Karbula Mason, Karen	Stratford Comm School District
Karsten, Kay	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Keast, Kristin	Mount Vernon Comm School District
Kelch, Marie	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Kleman, Ian	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Kulzer, Howard	Des Moines Independent Comm School District
Like, Christopher	Bettendorf Comm School District
Mangan, Gaylene	Clinton Comm School District
Mcgregor, Sarah	No SD Provided
Melchert, Denise	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Merriweather, Karrie	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Meyer, Julie	Laurens-Marathon Comm School District
Nelson, Korinne	Webster City Comm School District
Oehlertz, Susan	Laurens-Marathon Comm School District
Schrauth, Brandon	Waukee Comm School District
Smith-Nederhoff, Dixie	Oelwein Comm School District
Toppler, Terri	Davenport Comm School District
Wagoner, Nancy	Maquoketa Comm School District
Watson, Melissa	Fort Dodge Comm School District

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Welch, Amber	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Wilford, Andrea	Muscatine Comm School District
Ziegler, Wendy	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Zummak, Rosemary	Oelwein Comm School District

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